



# UNDER CONSTRUCTION

## Work starts on future Highland Avenue detour



Yeager-Skanska crews began a series of street improvements on January 13 to prepare for the detour of vehicles from Highland Avenue in Rialto later this year.

The contract will include the widening of Baseline between Cactus and Fitzgerald avenues to two lanes in each direction. Currently, westbound Baseline has only one travel lane. In addition, Ayala Drive will be widened between Easton Street and Baseline to include two southbound lanes.

Traffic signals will be placed at the intersections of Ayala and Riverside and Ayala and Bohnert, both of which now have stop signs. Upgraded traffic signals with left-turn arrows will be installed along Baseline at intersections with Ayala, Cactus, Lilac, Willow and Riverside.

The street widening and traffic signal work is expected to be completed in March. These improvements will help traffic flow once the Highland Avenue detour begins later this year. The detour will route vehicles along Easton, Ayala, Riverside and Baseline to move motorists through the city during excavation and other freeway mainline work.

## Four sound walls now are complete in Rialto

Three sound walls south of Highland Avenue in Rialto and one wall north of Highland now are complete.

Work is underway on the three remaining walls in Rialto, which are in various stages of grading, installation of the concrete footing and placement of masonry block.

The 16-foot walls are designed to reduce vehicle noise once the freeway opens to drivers. As an added benefit, residents may experience less noise from construction activity during the next few years.

Additional sound walls are planned for San Bernardino, once a contract is awarded for early work this summer. Three walls are proposed for the area between State Street and Cajon Boulevard, contingent upon review and approval by the Federal Highway Administration.

## Bridge update

The ongoing relocation of utility lines will delay the start of bridge construction at Ayala Drive and Riverside Avenue.

Riverside Construction had planned to begin work on the Ayala bridge in late January, and Yeager-Skanska was set to start on the Riverside bridge next week, but delays in moving telephone, sewer and water lines will push back this work one to two months. Both structures will take about six months to build.

Further west, Caltrans is nearing completion of the Alder bridge, with opening projected late this month. Progress is continuing on the Locust Avenue bridge. Locust is expected to open in late February, at which time work will start on the Linden Avenue bridge.